(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto[9]

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATH): (a) No, Sir. A Pilot Project on Multipurpose National Identity Card (MNIC) scheme, which was initiated in the selected areas of 13 States and Union Territories in April, 2003. is under implementation and is expected to be completed by December 2004.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above

(c) and (d) There are standing instructions to the State Governments and Union Territory administrations to detect and deport persons staying in India illegally under the provisions of the Foreigners* Act. 1946 The implementation of Multipurpose National Identity Card scheme would further facilitate identification of illegally staying foreigners.

Rapid Action Police Force

*122. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUi Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rapid Action Police Force (RAPF) was formed basically to deal with urban violence and communal violence;

(b) if so, whether any analysis of RAPF being successful in achieving its objectives has been made,

(c) what is the percentage of different religious Minorities in this force; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve its working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL;. (a) and (b) The Rapid Action Force was raised to deal with the communal riots and riot like situations. The force carries out intern?! assessment periodically to assess its achievements *vis-a-vis* its objectives The force has been successful in quelling communal and other riots in different parts of the country.

(c) The percentage of Minorities in RAF is as under:—

Muslims-	5.08%
Christians-	2.43%
Sikhs:	264%
Other Minorities:	0 02%

(d) The improvement in functioning of RAF is an on-going process

New equipment for fire fighting, non-lethal weapons and other riot control equipment are acquired as per the requirement of the force. The force personnel are imparted specialized training in the methods of riot control, rescue and relief, first aid and observance of human rights.

Violence and crimes against women

*123. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the legislative, measures taken to curb domestic violence and crimes against women particularly in the light of demands of national women's organisations? .

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): The crimes against women including domestic violence are already covered under the existing laws. Crimes such as rape, kidnapping and abduction, dowry deaths or their attempts, torture (both mental and physical), molestation, insulting the modesty of a woman etc. are covered under the various sections of the Indian Penal Code. In addition, there are special laws to deal with crimes such as the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1951, the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 and Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986. The strengthening of the existing legislations through review and amendments is a continuous process and taken up whenever required. The views of women's organizations are also taken into account appropriately in the process.

Arrest of Delhi Police officials

*124. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Delhi Police officials arrested during the last four months;

(b) the nature of offence for which they have been arrested;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the officers of the rank of ACP has also been arrested for land grabbing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) and (b) During the last four months from 1st March, 2004 to 30th June, 2004, 37 Delhi Police personnel were arrested in connection with the offences as indicated below: